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SUBJECT: SCENARIO FOR LINSSENMAIER/FUNK MEETING

ON REICHSBAHN CONSTRUCTION

REF: BONN 04247

1. SUMMARY: IT WILL APPARENTLY BE NECESSARY FOR LINSSENMAIER IN HIS TALK WITH FUNK TO DROP ANY REFERENCE TO GAUS/SEIDEL TALKS. WE CONSIDER THIS AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERATION TO THE TALKING POINTS IN REFTEL. END SUMMARY.

2. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY HERZ OF SENAT THAT GAUS SAW SEIDEL AS PLANNED ON MARCH 15, AND THAT THE DESIRED INTERVIEW BETWEEN LINSSENMAIER AND FUNK HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR 1400 HOURS ON MARCH 17. THE LATTER MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN WEST BERLIN.

3. HERZ SAID FURTHER THAT THE TALKING POINTS FOR LINSSENMAIER AS FORESEEN IN REFTEL ( PARA 11) WILL HAVE  
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TO BE CHANGED TO ELIMINATE THE REFERENCE TO THE GAUS/

SEIDEL CONVERSATION. THIS IS BECAUSE, CONTRARY TO THE EARLIER INDICATION REPORTED BY HENZE IN THE BONN GROUP, SEIDEL HAS NOW INSISTED THAT THERE BE NO REFERENCE MADE TO THE GAUS TALKS. REPORTED REASON IS THAT SEIDEL CONSIDRS THESE TALKS TO BE " OFF THE RECORD."

( COMMENT: IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT SEIDEL STIPULATED AT HIS FIRTS MEETING WITH GAUS THAT HE WAS NOT COMPETENT FOR WEST BERLIN MATERS AND COULD DISCUSS THE REICHSBAHN ONLY IF THE MATER WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROTOCOL. END COMMENT).

3. THIS CHANGE IN SCENARIO HAS PUZZLED FRENCH MISSION WHO NOW ASK WHETHER SUCH AN ALTERATION IS PERMISSIBLE. THEY WILL APPARENTLY BE PUTTING THIS QUESTION TO THEIR EMBASSY.

4. WE DO NOT AS YET HAVE A REPORT OF THE GAUS/SEIDEL TALK OF MARCH 15, BUT WE GATHE THAT IT WAS FAVORABLE TO THE IDEA OF LINSENMAIER MEETING FUNK. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER SEIDEL MAY HAVE SIGNALLED THAT THE ENVISAGED SCENARIO WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE REICHSBAHN. AT ANY RATE , WE STRONGLY URGE THAT LINSENMAIER BE AUTHORIZED O MAKE THE DESIRED POINTS, MINUS THE REFERENCE TO THE GAUS/SEIDEL TALKS.

5. COMMENT: REFERENCE TO THE GAUS TALKS WOULD BE OPTICALLY AGREEABLE BECASUE IT WOULD PROJECT OVER THE PRESENT RRANGEMENT THE SAME FRG-GDR ROOF UNDER WHICH THE DECEMBER 19 AGREEMENTS WERE WORKED OUT. THIS CONSIDERATION MAY BE VERY POWERFUL WITH THE FRENCH. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE PROGRESSIVE EXHAUSTION OF OTHER CHANNELS AND THE UNDESIRABILITY OF A DIRECT CONFRONTATION, WE CONSIDER IT WOOULD BE MOST UNWISE TO PROTRACT THIS PROBLEM INTO A FURTHER WEEK OF INDECISION BY WITHDRAWING THE AUTHORITY FOR LENSENMAIER TO MAKE THE IMPORTANT OPERATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO FUNK. GEORGE

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